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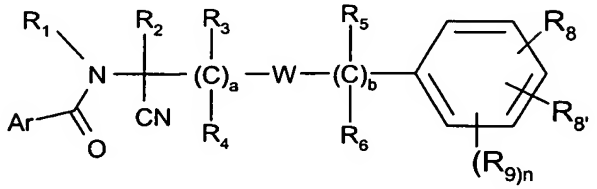
Claim 1. (Presently amended) A compound of formula I



I,

wherein

Ar signifies aryl or hetaryl, which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkinyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_3-C_6-cycloalkylamino, C_3-C_6-cycloalkylthio, C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyloxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_2-C_6-alkenylthio, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenylthio, C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfinyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfinyl, C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfonyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6-alkylamino, di-C_1-C_6-alkylamino, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonylamino, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonylamino, C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C_1-C_6-alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, arylsulfonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylmethoximino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times; phenylhydroxymethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, 1-phenyl-1-hydroxyethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylchloromethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcyanomethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylacetylenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times and pyridyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6-alkylamino and di-C_1-C_6-alkylamino;

R_1 signifies hydrogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, allyl or C_1-C_6-alkoxymethyl;

R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are either, independently of one another, hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_6-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_2-C_6-alkenyl which is unsubstituted

or substituted once or many times, C_2-C_6-alkinyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_6-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_6-alkoxy [[und]] and halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy; C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_6-alkyl; or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6-alkylamino or di-C_1-C_6-alkylamino;

or R_2 and R_3 together signify C_2-C_6-alkylene;

R_7 signifies hydrogen or C_1-C_6-alkyl;

either R_8 signifies phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxycarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, benzyloxycarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, hetaryloxycarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_6-alkylcarboxy; phenylcarboxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, benzylcarboxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarboxamido which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_6-alkylcarboxamido, C_1-C_6-alkyloxycarboxamido; phenyloxycarboxamido which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylaminocarboxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyloxycarboxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylaminocarboxamido which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_6-alkyloxy-C_1-C_6-alkyloxy, hydroxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkyloxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylaminocarbonyl, (C_1-C_6-alkyl)$_2$aminocarbonyl; phenylaminocarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_1-C_6-alkyl; phenylthio-C_1-C_6-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylmethoximino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylhydroxymethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, 1-phenyl-1-hydroxyethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylchloromethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenylcyanomethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9; and $R_{8'}$ signifies hydrogen;

or R_8 and $R_{8'}$ together signify C_1-C_4-alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times by C_1-C_4-alkyl, whereby one or two carbon atoms may be replaced by oxygen;

R_9 signifies halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkinyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_3-C_6-cycloalkylamino, C_3-C_6-cycloalkylthio, C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyloxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl, C_2-C_6-alkenylthio, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenylthio, C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfinyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfinyl, C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfonyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenylsulfonyl, C_1-C_6-alkylamino, di-C_1-C_6-alkylamino, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonylamino, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonylamino, C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkylaminocarbonyl, di-C_1-C_6-alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylmethoximino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times; phenylhydroxymethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, 1-phenyl-1-hydroxyethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylchloromethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcyanomethyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylthio which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylacetylenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or pyridyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_1-C_6-alkylthio, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylthio, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfinyl, C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl and halo-C_1-C_6-alkylsulfonyl;

W signifies O, S, $S(O_2)$ or $N(R_7)$

a signifies 1, 2, 3 or 4;

b signifies 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3 [[;]] .

Claim 2. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein Ar signifies aryl or hetaryl which are unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents, independently of one another, are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkinyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl; phenylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many

times, phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, and pyridyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy.

Claim 3. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein Ar signifies aryl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents are independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl; phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, and phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy.

Claim 4. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein Ar signifies phenyl that is either unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents are independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy; and phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy.

Claim 5. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is hydrogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl or halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl.

Claim 6. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is hydrogen or C_1-C_2-alkyl.

Claim 7. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is hydrogen.

Claim 8. (Original) A compound of formula I of formula I, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 are, independently of one another, hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_4-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4-Alkoxy; C_3-C_5-cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl; or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy.

Claim 9. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6, independently of one another, signify hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_2-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy; or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy.

Claim 10. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6, independently of one another, signify hydrogen; or C_1-C_2-alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy.

Claim 11. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_7 is hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl.

Claim 12. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_7 is hydrogen.

Claim 13. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein either R_8 signifies C_1-C_6-alkylcarboxy, C_1-C_6-alkyloxy-C_1-C_6-alkyloxy, hydroxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkyloxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_1-C_6-alkyl, phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9; and $R_{8'}$ signifies hydrogen;

or R_8 and $R_{8'}$ together signify C_1-C_4-alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times by C_1-C_2-alkyl, whereby one or two carbon atoms may be replaced by oxygen.

Claim 14. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein either R_8 signifies C_1-C_4-alkylcarboxy, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy-C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, hydroxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl; phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9; and $R_{8'}$ signifies hydrogen;

or R_8 and $R_{8'}$ together signify C_1-C_3-alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times by methyl, whereby one or two carbon atoms may be replaced by oxygen.

Claim 15. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein either R_8 signifies C_1-C_2-alkyloxy-C_1-C_2-alkyloxy, C_1-C_2-alkyloxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl; phenyl-C_1-C_2-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenyl-C_1-C_2-alkoxy which is unsubstituted

or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9; and R_8 signifies hydrogen.

Claim 16. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_9 signifies halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl; phenylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or pyridyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy.

Claim 17. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein R_9 signifies halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl.

Claim 18. (Original) A compound of formula I, according to claim 1, wherein R_9 signifies halogen, cyano, nitro, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy or halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy.

Claim 19. (Original) A compound of formula I, according to claim 1, wherein W is O or S.

Claim 20. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein W is O.

Claim 21. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein a is 1, 2 or 3.

Claim 22. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein a is 1 or 2.

Claim 23. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein a is 1.

Claim 24. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein b is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

Claim 25. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein b is 0, 1 or 2.

Claim 26. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein b is 0.

Claim 27. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein n is 0 or 1.

Claim 28. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein n is 0.

Claim 29. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein Ar signifies aryl or hetaryl which are unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents, independently of one another, are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_2-C_6-alkenyl, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyl, C_2-C_6-alkinyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, halo-C_2-C_6-alkenyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl; phenylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or

substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, and pyridyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents mau each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy;

R_1 signifies hydrogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl or halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl;

R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6, independently of one another, signify hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_4-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, C_1-C_4-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4-Alkoxy; C_3-C_5-cycloalkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen and C_1-C_4-alkyl; or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy;

R_7 signifies hydrogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl;

either R_8 signifies C_1-C_6-alkylcarboxy, C_1-C_6-alkyloxy-C_1-C_6-alkyloxy, hydroxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkyloxy-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkylthio-C_1-C_6-alkyl, phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenyl-C_1-C_6-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9; and $R_{8'}$ signifies hydrogen;

or R_8 and $R_{8'}$ together signify C_1-C_4-alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times by C_1-C_2-alkyl, whereby one or two carbon atoms may be replaced by oxygen;

R_9 signifies halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_6-cycloalkyloxy, C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxycarbonyl; phenylamino which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or pyridyloxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_6-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_6-alkyl, C_1-C_6-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_6-alkoxy;

W is O or S;

a signifies 1, 2 or 3;

b signifies 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

n is 0 or 1.

Claim 30. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein Ar signifies aryl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents are independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl; phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, and phenoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy.

R_1 signifies hydrogen or C_1-C_2-alkyl;

R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 , independently of one another, signify hydrogen, halogen, C_1-C_2-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy; or phenyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy;

R_7 signifies hydrogen;

either R_8 signifies C_1-C_4-alkylcarboxy, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy-C_1-C_4-alkyloxy, hydroxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkyloxy-C_1-C_4-alkyl; phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenyl-C_1-C_4-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9; and $R_{8'}$ signifies hydrogen;

or R_8 and $R_{8'}$ together signify C_1-C_3-alkylene which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times by methyl, whereby one or two carbon atoms may be replaced by oxygen;

R_9 signifies halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_4-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkyl, C_1-C_4-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_4-alkoxy, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyl, C_3-C_5-cycloalkyloxy, C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl, halo-C_1-C_4-alkylcarbonyl or C_1-C_4-alkoxycarbonyl;

W signifies O;

a signifies 1 or 2;

b signifies 0, 1 or 2; and

n is 0.

Claim 31. (Original) A compound of formula I according to claim 1, wherein Ar signifies phenyl that is either unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents are independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy, halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy; and phenylcarbonyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy;

R_1 signifies hydrogen;

R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5 and R_6 , independently of one another, hydrogen or C_1-C_2-alkyl, which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of halogen, C_1-C_2-alkoxy and halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy;

R_7 signifies hydrogen;

R_8 signifies C_1-C_2-alkyloxy-C_1-C_2-alkyloxy, C_1-C_2-alkyloxy-C_1-C_2-alkyl; phenyl-C_1-C_2-alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, or phenyl-C_1-C_2-alkoxy which is unsubstituted or substituted once or many times, whereby the substituents may each be independent of one another and are selected from the group consisting of R_9;

$R_{8'}$ signifies hydrogen;

R_9 signifies halogen, nitro, cyano, C_1-C_2-alkyl, halo-C_1-C_2-alkyl, C_1-C_2-alkoxy or halo-C_1-C_2-alkoxy;

W signifies O;

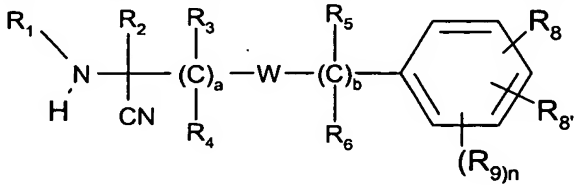
a signifies 1;

b signifies 0; and

n is 0.

Claim 32. (Original) A compound of formula I, according to claim 1, having the name N-[1-cyano-1-methyl-2-(2-benzyl-4-chlorophenoxy)-ethyl]-4-trifluoromethoxybenzamide.

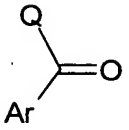
Claim 33. (Currently amended) Process for the prepatation of compounds of formula I, respectively in free form or in salt form, according to claim 1, whereby a compound of formula II



II,

which is known or may be produced analogously to corresponding known compounds, and

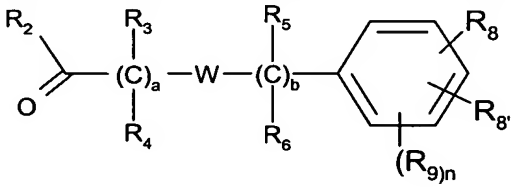
wherein R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_8, $R_{8'}$, R_9, W, a, b and n are defined as given for formula I, is reacted with a compound of formula III



III,

which is known or may be prepared analogously to corresponding known compounds, and wherein Ar is defined as given for formula I and Q is a leaving group, optionally in the presence of a basic catalyst, and if desired, a compound of formula I obtainable according to the method or in another way, respectively in free form or in salt form, is converted into another compound of formula I, a mixture of isomers obtainable according to the method is separated and the desired isomer isolated and/or a free compound of formula I obtainable according to the method is converted into a salt or a salt of a compound of formula I obtainable according to the method is converted into the free compound of formula I or into another salt.

Claim 34. (Currently amended) Process for the preparation of compounds of formula II, respectively in free form or in salt form, according to claim 2, whereby a compound of formula IV



IV,

which is known or may be produced analogously to corresponding known compounds, in which R_2, R_3, R_4, R_5, R_6, R_8, $R_{8'}$, R_9, W, a, b and n are defined as for formula I, is reacted with an inorganic or organic cyanide and with a compound of formula R_6-NH_2, which is known or may be produced analogously to corresponding known compounds and wherein R_6 is defined as for formula I, and if desired, a compound of formula II obtainable according to the method or in another way, respectively in free form or in salt form, is converted into another compound of formula II, a mixture of isomers obtainable according to the method is separated and the desired isomer isolated and/or a free compound of formula II obtainable according to the method is converted into a salt or a salt of an compound of formula II obtainable according to the method is converted into the free compound of formula II or into another salt.

Claim 35. (Original) Composition for the control of parasites, which contains as active ingredient at least one compound of formula I according to claim 1, in addition to carriers and/or dispersants.

Claim 36-39. (Cancelled)

Claim 40. (New) A method for controlling parasites comprising applying to said parasites or its habitat a parasiticidal effective amount of at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1.

Claim 41. (New) The method of Claim 40 wherein said parasiticidal effective amount of said at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1 is administered to an animal host of said parasite.

Claim 42. (New) The method of Claim 41 whereby said at least one compound of formula I of Claim 1 is administered to said animal host topically, perorally, parenterally, or subcutaneously.

Claim 43. (New) The method of Claim 40 whereby said compound is in a formulation consisting of the group of pour-on, spot-on, tablet, chewie, powder, boli, capsules, suspension, emulsion, solution, injectable, water-additive, and food-additive.

Claim 44. (New) The method of Claim 40 wherein said parasites are endo-parasites.

Claim 45. (New) The method of Claim 44 wherein said endo-parasites are helminthes.

Claim 46. (New) A method of treating an animal for parasites comprising administering to said animal in need of treatment thereof a parasiticidal effective amount of the composition of Claim 35.

Claim 47. (New) The method of Claim 46 wherein said administration to said animal is topically, perorally, parenterally, or subcutaneously.

Claim 48. (New) The method of Claim 46 wherein said composition of Claim 35 is in a formulation consisting of the group of pour-on, spot-on, tablet, chewie, powder, boli, capsules, suspension, emulsion, solution, injectable, water-additive, and food-additive.

Claim 49. (New) The method of Claim 46 wherein said parasites are endo-parasites.

Claim 50. (New) The method of Claim 49 wherein said endo-parasites are helminthes.